GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DIVERSION OF RIVER WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for diversion of water from Pampa and Achencovi rivers of Kerala to Vypar in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details including the decision of the National Water Development Commission, if any;

(c) whether any studies are initiated on the impact of Vypar Link Project on ecological balance of Kuttanad wetlands; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The National Water Development Agency (NWDA), under the Ministry of Water Resources, has prepared a feasibility report of the Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar link envisaging diversion of 634 Million cubic meter of surplus waters from Pamba and Achankovil rivers to Vaippar basin.

(c) & (d) The Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM), Kozhikode, Kerala undertook a study sponsored by the Government of Kerala to understand the water balance of the rivers draining into the Vembanad wetland System and to look into the limitations of the earlier studies carried out by the State and National agencies and to come out with appropriate management plans for the system. The report concluded that all five rivers draining into Vembanad Lake including Pamba and Achankovil rivers would be water deficit in the ultimate stage of development.